AMENDMENTS

Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all previous listings or versions thereof:

- 1. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.
- 2. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein said polynucleotide has a nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3 or a complement thereof.
- 3. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 2, wherein said polynucleotide further comprises a promoter operable in eukaryotic cells.
- 4. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein said promoter is a heterologous to the coding sequence.
- 5. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 4, wherein said promoter is selected from the group consisting of hsp68, SV40, CMV, MKC, GAL4_{UAS}, HSV and β-actin.
- 6. (Original) The polynucleotide of claim 5, wherein said promoter is a tissue specific promoter.

7-23. (Canceled)

- 24. (Previously presented) An expression cassette comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said polynucleotide is under the control of a promoter operable in eukaryotic cells.
- 25. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 24, wherein said promoter is heterologous to the coding sequence.

- 26. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 25, wherein said promoter is selected from the group consisting of hsp68, SV40, CMV, MKC, GAL4_{UAS}, HSV and β-actin.
- 27. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 25, wherein said promoter is a tissue specific promoter.
- 28. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 25, wherein said promoter is an inducible promoter.
- 29. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 25, wherein said expression cassette is contained in a viral vector.
- 30. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 25, wherein said viral vector is selected from the group consisting of a retroviral vector, an adenoviral vector, and adeno-associated viral vector, a vaccinia viral vector, and a herpesviral vector.
- 31. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 24, wherein said expression cassette further comprises a polyadenylation signal.
- 32. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 24, wherein said expression cassette comprises a second polynucleotide encoding a second polypeptide.
- 33. (Original) The expression cassette of claim 32, wherein said second polynucleotide is under the control of a second promoter.

34-43. (Canceled)

44. (Previously presented) A cell comprising an expression cassette comprising a polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, wherein said polynucleotide is under the control of a promoter operable in eukaryotic cells.

45-102. (Canceled)

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